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Human remains found

INVESTIGATION

Construction crew makes discovery while building house



Joe Lofaro Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa construction crew got quite the surprise this week after human remains were found at a site in Manotick.

Police are now investigating after receiving a call on Tuesday at approximately 4 p.m. to see if there is any indication of foul play. The find was made public yesterday.

The human bone was found on Cabrelle Place, near the

intersection of Prince of Wales Drive and Bankfield Road, where crews were building a new home, according to Const. Marc Soucy.

Police would not disclose what type of bone was found.

A forensic anthropologist from the Coroner's Office in Toronto is in Ottawa to examine the remains.

The Major Crime unit, which primarily handles homicides, is keeping a close eye on the investigation, but is not directly involved.

"Major Crime is aware. Until they find out if there is a criminal element to it — foul play — then they'll obviously take over," said Soucy.

"But for now, they're aware and monitoring the investigation by the anthropologist."

The investigation is ongoing.



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FORT MCMURRAY WILDFIRE

As the dust from the Fort McMurray crisis settles, some residents can't wait to return and rebuild, while others want to leave the tragedy behind and start anew. **Canada**

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Get into Brown Van Brewing

ALCOHOL

Newcomers to local beer scene serve up crisp German suds

Your essential daily news



This column could almost sustain itself on introducing a new local brewery every two weeks, which makes my job so easy and delicious. With that, allow me to awkwardly segue into the introduction of Brown Van Brewing.

BVB is a husband-and-wife team of Paul and Erica Braunovan. Points if you deduced that their last name of Braunovan is the inspiration for Brown Van Brewing.

Double points if you knew their name is a hybrid of their family names of Braun and Donovan. The combination of these Irish and German names has inspired their brewery to combine aspects of these countries' great brewing (and drinking) histories.

The business name was incorporated at the end of 2015 and BVB received their Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario manufacturers' license last month.

But these are no beer novices; Paul was a founding member of the Ottawa Brewers Forum and has extensive experience in the industry.

BVB is contract brewing (meaning they don't have a

bricks and mortar brewery) out of the Kichesippi brewery, which Paul describes as a perfect fit.

The first BVB release is their Kolsch beer. This Germanstyled hybrid ale / lager aims to be clean and crisp like a lager but with a touch more ale flavour.

Already, the beer can be found at the Hintonburg Public House as a May-June rotating tap and kegs have already been delivered to The Black Tomato and The Brig Pub. A cask-conditioned (translation: served without carbon dioxide pressure) version will kick off cask Tuesdays at CRAFT Beer Market May 17.

In paying respect to their combined namesake and German/Irish heritage, the next beer will likely be an Irish style.

Keep BVB bookmarked as they are ambitiously planning to have three flagship brews within the next year and to be available through the LCBO and The Beer Store.

As has been written here many times before, the craft beer family is as warm and welcoming as a classic Disney film. Brown Van Brewing already has numerous tales of support from the local beer people.

Kichesippi walked the new company through the complexities of branding, marketing, distribution, and more.

When BVB needed to borrow a cask, both Beau's and Dominion City offered one. That's like both neighbours lending a cup of sugar.

Check out metronews.ca for all your local hop-penings.



"So excited to connect with everyone in the local scene and enjoy a beer with them," says Paul Braunovan, co-founder of Brown Van Brewing. COURTESY BROWN VAN BREWING

INFRASTRUCTURE

Ice build-up at water plant could cost City of Ottawa \$18.5M



The City of Ottawa will likely turn to the provincial and federal governments for help funding \$19 million to fix a unique ice build-up problem at

one of its aging water purification plants.

The 85-year-old Lemieux Island water plant provides half the city's drinking water, which is sourced from the Ottawa River. Since 2013, the facility has had problems with frazil ice — soft ice formed in turbulent water that can block

intake piping.

This has resulted in a "significant reduction" in the plant's drinking water production capacity, according to an environment report.

That, and the frazil ice problem has so far cost the city more than \$2 million, including the costs of staff overtime, divers,



It's clearly a big number and not something we can budget for in the short-term. Coun. David Chernushenko

emergency repair and the installation of a contingency pumping system. Broken down, it has cost up to \$700,000 annually.

M. Coun. David Chernushenko
So city staff are proposing

"more drastic measures" to nip the problem for good. A pipe running deep below the ice cover, which will cost \$17.2 to \$18.5 million, is the costliest solution, but staff say it's also the most reliable.

"It's clearly a big number and not something we can budget for in the short-term," said Coun. David Chernushenko, who chairs the environment committee.



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THINGS TO DO IN THE **CITY THIS WEEKEND**

Build a terrarium, go to town with tulips and dance like it's 1945:



There's so much fun to be had.

Ottawa Children's Festival (all weekend)

Art and fun is the focus at this six-day festival set up on the lawn of the War Museum until Sunday. Performances include musicians, musical theatre, dance and an interactive hedge maze. Hands-on activities include a tea party, face painting, climbing, music demos and much more. Tickets for shows vary in price and can be bought at ottawachildrensfestival.ca.





Canadian **Tulip Festival** (all weekend)

Tourist season officially kicks off this week with the beginning of the Canadian Tulip Festival from May 12-23. On Friday night, remember the liberation of the Netherlands and "dance like it's 1945" in Aberdeen Pavilion with WWII re-enactors and swing lessons. Every day of the festival, children's entertainers and arts performances will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Aberdeen Pavilion. While strolling through the gardens this year, watch for the 200,000 new red-and-white Canada 150 tulips.

Ottawa Comiccon 2016



Bike **Sundays**

Sunday bike days are back so you can enjoy some main roads without any car traffic. Every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway, Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway and Colonel By Drive will be closed to cars and open to bikes, rollerbladers, runners and pedestrians.



Grow613 (Sunday)

Not-for-profit local culture blog Apartment 613 is celebrating local food and makers on Sunday to kick off their Support Local campaign. Head to Makerspace North from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for delicious food, demos, beer and workshops from Ottawa City Woodshop and the Ottawa Tool Library. Bloomenstudio will be giving workshops on making your own terrarium. Admission is free but tickets to special workshops can be purchased in advance



Ottawa's annual celebration of all things comics, costumes, gaming and pop culture. Actors from Doctor Who, Star Trek, Arrow and The Walking Dead will be on site for Q&As, autographs and photo ops. There will also be workshops and fun events on topics like cosplay and animation. The event will be hosted at the EY Centre and tickets start at \$25 for one day and are available at ottawacomiccon.com.

ishi Von Rex Duo ready for weekend welcome home show



It's a full-circle kind of weekend for one of Ottawa's most original bands, as the Riishi Von Rex Duo heads back home to Live! on Elgin — the very place the experimental gypsy rock band started its cross-country tour in January — for a welcome home show Saturday night.

Their sound is unique, risky and massive — similar to what you would hear if you put The

in a studio, locked the door, threw away the key and maybe supplied a little bit of LSD.

Riishi Von Rex plays Live on Elgin Saturday at 9 p.m.

If psychedelic gypsy rock isn't your thing, then don't worry, there are plenty of cool, wicked, quirky and kooky things going on this weekend. Here's a rundown of some parties worth checking out:

Grillz: Rap Queen Edition

Where: Babylon

When: Friday night, 11 p.m. What: Friday's Grillz party marks the Ottawa debut of DJ

Internet Daughter, who has been turning heads in Toronto with her unique blend or rap, trap and electronica. And everybody loves her attitude that is helping pave the way for more female DJs to step into the spotlight.

Electric Pow Wow May edition

Where: Babylon When: Saturday 10 p.m.

What: If you're glamming it up at Babylon for the Grillz party Friday night, you may as well find a cozy nook somewhere in the bar, grab a few

zzzz's and hit the dance floor again Saturday, as Ottawa's most unique and original selectors hit the stage for Electric Pow Wow with A Tribe Called Red.

Tanika Charles Soul Run Tour | Ottawa w/ TIMEKODE

Where: Ritual Nightclub When: Saturday 10 p.m.

What: Come and see what's deep inside Tanika Charles' soul when she lays down some magic at Ritual Saturday night. Edmonton-raised Charles is gaining heat on her new album Soul Run, which is already making its rounds on national radio.



Riishi Von Rex play Live! on Elgin Saturday night. CONTRIBUTED



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Bird rescue mission highlights problem

SAFE WINGS GROUP

Woman picks up creatures that crash into city buildings



An Ottawa woman is gaining a reputation for her two-wheeled bird rescue operation.

Every morning, Anouk Hoedeman can be spotted riding her wide Dutch touring bike through the downtown core, searching for winged creatures that have crashed into buildings. Dead or alive, she places them in either one of the two rear panniers, outfitted with crocheted nests and capture nets. "There's actually a dead pannier and a live pannier," she said, pointing to them on her bike.

A co-coordinator of Safe Wings, a bird collision awareness and rescue group, Hoedeman said she has collected a few hundred animals since the organization launched about three years ago. And she figures that's a tiny fraction of the birds that collide with glass buildings

So far, the group has recorded 97 different species of birds that have crashed into city buildings.

The dead finds go in a special freezer — she has a permit to keep them there — and, once a year, her group pulls them out for a display.

Hoedeman said she's working with the city to develop bird-friendly building design guidelines for Ottawa.

"I think it's a problem that's often associated with big cities ... Ottawa is smaller and doesn't have as many high-rises, so I think it was a surprise to a lot of people to find out that we have a very significant problem here.'



Anouk Hoedeman collects injured and dead birds on her wide Dutch touring bike. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Lawyer raises jail's 'grave' conditions



An Ottawa lawyer pointed Thursday to reports of the troubling conditions at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre as she argued her client should receive more credit for time he spent in the jail.

During a sentencing hearing for convicted robber Hanten Hersi, Natasha Calvinho pointed to his more than two years behind bars at the Innes Road jail, where she said he received no rehabilitative programming

while he waited for his trial.

"He has had zero programming available to him while he's been on remand. He's had no ability to educate himself or engage in counselling. We know about unsavoury conditions of remand facilities," said Calvinho.

Calvinho is now asking Justice Robert Smith to give Hersi a credit of 1.5 days for each day spent in jail partly due to problems at the jail.

Calvinho made her arguments hours before former prisoners were to recount their experiences at the jail during a public forum Thursday night.



CELEBRATIONS

Local festivals to get **\$250,000** funding boost

The Ottawa 2017 Bureau announced Thursday that \$250,000 will be distributed by Ottawa Festivals to boost local events during Canada's sesquicentennial.

The funds will go to a "lasting" marketing

campaign that will promote the city's more than 100 festivals.

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A charred oven in Fort McMurray on Monday.

Renters frustrated

Lease deals a source of tension for many residents



Helen **Pike** Metro | Calgary

Fort McMurray's fire only charred about 10 per cent of homes in the area, but for tenants and landlords still barred from the city, both could see losses over lease agreements.

Renters looking for answers about getting back their May 1 deposits won't find them in Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act. According to a Calgary real estate lawyer, acts of God aren't part of provincial legislation and normally fall under the insurance.

Kim Clemens and her husband fled Fort McMurray after beginning a new lease on a condo. They paid their first month's rent and a damage

deposit she says they may not get back.

"One week into evacuation they call to tell us they were evicting us because they needed the condo back," Clemens said. "They said their home was gone so they needed that condo."

She said they intend to stay, and have already spoken to a lawyer about their rights they've been advised to continue paying rent and that the landlord needs a just cause to evict them.

"I cry a lot," Clemens said. "I was happy, I had a home before I left.

Calgary real estate lawyer Jeffrey Kahane said first steps include checking with your landlord and your insurance company – if you have one.

"There's nothing in the act that would let (tenants) get their month's rent back," Kahane said. "They're renting the property, all their stuff is in the property, and it's unfortunate. They could try talking to their landlord, but they're under no obligation to give it



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Fire may not return for years, officials say

fort to the residents of Fort Mc-Murray, but the massive fire that forced all to flee may keep the community safe from a similar disaster in the future.

Chad Morrison, senior wildfire manager in Alberta, said the fire has destroyed so much of the surrounding forest that it would be difficult for another to spread.

'Much of the vegetation has been consumed, so that will actually protect if the fire ends



I feel safe from fires for the next 50 to 75 years. Melissa Blake

up turning around," he said. "Once the fire has burned through, it won't return there, but there is still lots of work to

The community's mayor, Melissa Blake echoed those comments.

make that safe," he said.

"I feel safe from fires for the next 50 to 75 years, because it is

not likely to do this again real soon," she said. But she also said the community will have to take a hard look at how it's laid out and how structures are built.

Blake added she felt the community will have to look at its efforts into Fire Smart programs, which are designed to reduce risk from forest fires.

decent job until we experienced this, but I am not sure there is anything that could have prevented it," she said.

Blake said residents love the city's forest trail system, but the forested areas were just narrowly saved from the fire – and now the city may have to reconsider how they fit into the rebuilt city.

"If those trails had gone it would have spread to the entire community."

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Will they stay, or will they go?

In the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfire, which saw more than 88,000 people evacuated from their homes and destroyed 2,400 buildings, many people don't know what the future holds. One family Metro spoke with is determined to return to their lives, while another woman wants to leave the tragedy behind and move on.



Theresa Blacquiere is adamant she won't return to Fort Mc-Murray, after she fled the city in what she calls a terrifying experience.

After raging wildfires consumed about 10 per cent of Fort McMurray last week, Blacquiere was among the more than 88,000 who left their homes.

"I left with the clothes on my back," she said. "It was probably the most frightening experience I had ever been through."

And as many plan to rebuild their lives in the city once they can return, Blacquiere said she won't — she has moved on.

"I'm too terrified to go back," she said, "and I can guarantee you I won't be back.

She said she isn't sure she'll return to fetch her belongings, as they continue to sit untouched since last week's blaze.



Theresa Blacquiere is among few Fort McMurray residents who don't plan to return to the city. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

"I just don't know," she said repeatedly. "I've given my landlord my notice, so I may be paying rent until June. But it is what it is — I don't plan on going

In fact, Blacquiere has managed to acquire her old apartment in Lacombe.

She said she just feels happy to be somewhere away from the flames.

"It's just so heartbreaking to see what has happened,

Blacquiere, who works as a clerk at an oil and gas camp south of the city, said nobody is quite sure when they'll be called back up, as the fire proves to move in unpredictable ways. She said the next two weeks will be getting settled in Lacombe, and waiting to see how work pans out.

"I haven't looked for other jobs, yet," she said. "I'm just going to take it day-by-day."



If Zander Jacobs' parents have their way, their son will be reunited with the Sith lords he loves as soon as possible, back in Fort McMurray.

Ten-year-old Zander left his two action figures behind in his home — luckily still standing when he evacuated it last week with his family.

Jacobs can't wait to see Darth Vader and Darth Maul again.

"I'm a really big Star Wars fan," he said. "I love all of them." But his parents are just keen to return to the city they love.

"We're planning on going back, though there'll be lots of work to do," said Connie Jacobs, Zander's mother. "That's our home no matter where we are, that's where our heart is right now."

Evacuating the city was chaotic for the Jacobs family: Zander, his sister and father,



Connie Jacobs and her son Zander, 10, are planning to go back to Fort McMurray with their family. KEVIN TUNG/FOR METRO

Steven, weren't at home and ended up being evacuated north, while his mother was at home, and loaded up their two dogs, cat and bearded dragon — packed into an Old Dutch potato-chip box — and headed south.

They're now staying at a friend's place in Spruce Grove, near Edmonton, where they're sharing space with two other

While Jacobs no longer has

a job to go back to — she was working for a condo company that had all its units burn she said her husband works for a flooring company that they believe is still in business.

She's looking forward to going home, but safety concerns have to be addressed.

"We definitely want to go back, but we want to make sure it's safe. We don't ever want to ever go through anything like this again."



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People just want to relax'

Fire evacuees from Fort Mc-Murray have been offered meals, clothing, places to stay and now an unusual gift — a free lap

An Edmonton strip club is waiving its \$9 entry fee and offering one \$30 lap dance to any customers from the evacuated

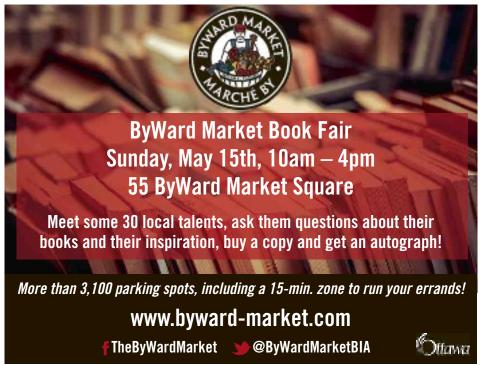
city in northern Alberta.

As demonstrated in the days since the fire, the oilsands capital is home to many families.

But Chris Round, manager of a company that manages five strip clubs in Alberta including one in Fort McMurray, acknowledges the city also has a reputation as a party place for oil workers making loads of money and spending it in bars on their days off.

"It's been a stressful time for everybody. People just want to relax and get their mind off things for a little bit.

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Trump mending fences

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner pledges to work with **House Speaker**

Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan pledged to work together despite their differences after a meeting Thursday aimed at unifying a party torn over Trump's rise to the cusp of the Republican presidential nomination. The speaker stopped short of a full-throated endorsement but appeared closer to one.

Trump and Ryan issued a statement describing their meeting as a "very positive step toward unification" that recognized "many important areas of common ground" as well as areas where they disagree. Ryan stunned Republicans by withholding his endorsement a week ago when it became clear Trump was on a firm path to the nomination.

The much-anticipated meeting unfolded as more Republicans have begun urging the





Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have vowed to work together despite their differences in an attempt to unify the Republican Party. GETTY IMAGES

party to leave the extraordinary discord behind. The statement by the two suggested both are invested in tamping down Republican infighting as they try to pull the GOP together for the fight against Hillary Clinton and Democrats in the fall.

Ryan told a news conference they are "planting the seeds" to accomplish that.

In a tweet, Trump said: "Great day in D.C. with @SpeakerRyan and Republican leadership. Things working out really well!"

Trump, in a black SUV, slipped from one GOP power centre to another on a fence-mending mission made necessary by his outsider status in the city that

embodies insiders.

The billionaire's provocative, crowd-rousing pronouncements, his arsenal of insults hurled at rivals and his amorphous positions on matters dear to conservatives have unnerved many GOP leaders who fear he will be crushed in the fall. At the same time, more are recognizing that he's tapped a deep nerve among many of the disaffected - and the GOP has no alternative to him in any event.

Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, an ally of GOP leadership, said Thursday his biggest worry about Trump is that he is "un-predictable." Yet Trump is also a "change agent," Cole said. "That's exactly what people want right now, so in that sense he's very well-positioned for a general election."

The highest-ranking woman in the House GOP leadership, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington state, said the meeting gave her a chance to make this core value clear to Trump: "Dreaming big for everyone and turning its back on no one."

About a dozen protesters who oppose Trump's immigration positions demonstrated at the front of the RNC building where the men met. They chanted "Down, down with deportation. Up, up with liberation." They carried a cardboard coffin that they said represents the suffering of immigrants under GOP policies and the death of the party under Trump. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

Gun used in Martin case for sale online

An online gun auction website yanked George Zimmerman's ad to sell the pistol he used to kill unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying it wanted no part in the deal, but a second site offered to post it.

A listing for the weapon was removed from the GunBroker. com site Thursday morning, minutes after the auction was to begin, as negative traffic about the sale exploded online.

In a statement posted on its website, GunBroker.com said listings are user generated, and that the company reserved the right to reject listings at its discretion. No one there "has any relationship with Zimmerman", the company wrote in its statement.

It added, "We want no part in the listing on our website or in any of the publicity it is receiving." Hours later, United Gun Group tweeted that it would post Zimmerman's ad.

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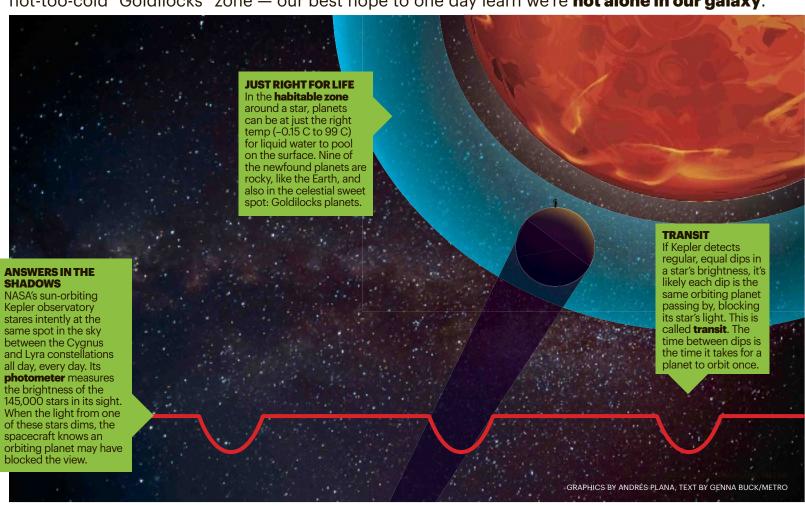
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NASA's Kepler mission confirmed the existence of 1,284 more planets this week, doubling the total number of **exoplanets** known to science (that is, planets outside our familiar eight-planet solar system. Sorry, Pluto). Some of these new worlds are Earth-like and a handful are in that not-too-hot, not-too-cold "Goldilocks" zone — our best hope to one day learn we're **not alone in our galaxy**.



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More than gorgeous George

CLOONEY'S RESUME

The star's latest, **Money Monster,** at home among an eclectic mix

Richard Crouse



George Clooney is a rare breed, a one-name film star. Mention "George" and everyone knows who you're talking about.

He's headlined a handful of films dating all the way back to when there was a Clinton in the White House that raked in north of \$100 million. Since leaving the television show ER in 1999, he's released two movies a year on average, including this weekend's Money Monster, a thriller about the host of a financial advice show held hostage on live TV by an investor who lost everything.

Some of his films have been successful, others not, but it's clear Clooney doesn't aspire to be a blockbuster star. Perhaps it's because George is, as Time called him, "the last movie star," that he appears determined to smash what that kind of stardom means. By lending his name to

offbeat movies he deconstructs the mechanism of superstardom.

George steers his career toward character driven pieces, often at the expense of giant box office numbers. And while the fabric of his fame may fray around the edges from time to time — he's as susceptible to box office vagaries as anyone - he stays busy, winning Oscars, producing movies like August: Osage County and acting as pitchman for everyone from Fiat to Martini vermouth.

"I'm very aware of the fact that if not for a Thursday night time slot on ER, I wouldn't have this career," he once said, "so I'm going to push the limits as much as I can."

From kid flicks to period dramas and political satire Clooney has done just that.

Loosely based on a Roald Dahl story, the stop-motion animated Fantastic Mr. Fox sees Clooney as a smooth-talking fox that returns to a life of crime after buying a tree house he can't afford. Clooney brings charm, wit and warmth to an unpredictable character, smooth one minute, a wild animal the next.

Clooney also starred in The Good German, a tribute to 1940s cinema shot with technology from the golden age of Hollywood — the same lenses, the same atmospheric lighting, the



Clooney as he appears in this year's Money Monster. Once described by Time as "the last movie star," Clooney has built up an impressive and eclectic resume on the silver screen, writes Richard Crouse, courtesy atsushi nishijima

same rat-a-tat-tat style of dialogue, the same everything. It's a retro-looking film made with 21st century creative freedom. Clooney, as an American military journalist covering the Potsdam Conference in post-war Berlin, and co-star Cate Blanchett look like golden age movie stars but behave more like Brat Packers.

Strangest of all is The Men Who Stare at Goats, the best

movie with the worst name on Clooney's resume. He plays a psychic soldier in this screwball satire about the state of modern warfare. Its an absurdist film, filled with memorable images - Clooney staring down a goat, enlisted men doing the Watusi and a montage of Jeff Bridges embarking on a journey of enlightenment — where no joke is too broad or too barbed.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Money Monster ★★ A Bigger Splash ★★★★ Sunset Song

WORTHWHILE **UP TO YOU** SKIP IT

George is so artistically eclectic he even disowns one of his biggest hits. "I always apologize for Batman!" he says.



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#StarringJohnCho a key social movement

LEADING MEN

New website rails against Hollywood's 'whitewashing'

How would it look if there were more Asian actors playing lead roles in Hollywood blockbusters?

Check out the #StarringJohn-Cho website and see for yourself.

The website has inserted Cho's image into a number of mainstream movie posters, including Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, Go Rogue, Mother's Day and The Martian to draw attention to the fact that "whitewashing Asian roles in film abounds."

It notes that it's common practice for white stars to be cast as Asian characters, such as Scarlett Johansson playing Motoko Kusanagi in the dystopian crime story Ghost in the Shell, blonde and blue-eyed Emma Stone as Alison Ng in Aloha, and Jim Sturgess as Jeff Ma in 21.

Cho is best known as the actor who took on the iconic role

of Sulu in the Star Trek reboot, and as one of the titular characters in the Harold & Kumar comedy trilogy.

comedy trilogy.

However, Asian actors in Hollywood generally remain consigned to bit roles, the website argues.

"#StarringJohnCho is a social movement that literally shows you what it would look like if today's Hollywood blockbusters cast an Asian-American actor—specifically, John Cho—as their leading man," it says.

The website argues that it makes economic sense to cast more Asian leads, as diverse casts promise higher box office profits.

"Support #StarringJohnCho by sharing the hashtag and help ignite this necessary conversation," it says.

The site says it was created by 25-year-old digital strategist William Yu, who Photoshopped Cho's face onto a collection of mainstream Hollywood movie posters.

It also carries a disclaimer which states that Cho has no affiliation with it.
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In the Photoshopped movie posters, John Cho replaces some of Hollywood's favoured men. WILLIAM YU/VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mediterranean days turn dark once Tilda Swinton, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts and Ralph Fiennes get together in A Bigger Splash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Splashing into a lusty, lurid romp

INTERVIEW

'It's great to do peculiar,' says Guadagnino

Richard Crouse



peculiar." The Italian filmmaker is talking about his relationship with Tilda Swinton, star of four of his feature films. In their latest collaboration she plays a rock star recuperating from throat surgery with her boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) on a remote island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia. Their tranquil time, however, is shattered by the arrival of Harry (Ralph Fiennes) her former record producer and lover and his Lolitaesque daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Soon into the visit the sunny Mediterranean days take a dark turn as their shared histories bring up some ghosts from the past.

In the new film Guadagnino throws a peculiar twist Swinton's way by making her character largely mute, forcing her to rely solely on her face and eyes to complete the character.

"We are very dear friends," he says of Swinton. "Tilda is such a courageous performer. That combination makes everyday an adventure, new and funny and tough and great. Also, I think what we do together is very peculiar."

Swinton is spectacular but A Bigger Splash is worth the price of admission just to see Ralph Fiennes, Lord Voldemort himself, strut his stuff to disco era Rolling Stones.

"I am a big fan of Ralph Fiennes," says Guadagnino. "I saw him in the trailer for the Grand Budapest Hotel and I found this kind of levity



I have been loving him since I saw Schindler's List.

Luca Guadagnino, on his leading man Ralp Fiennes that made me think he'd be perfect for Harry."

In one long scene Fiennes unleashes some of the wildest dance moves since Elaine Benes in what must be his loosest on-screen performance ever.

"Everything started with the brilliant script by David Kaiganich and the description of how this man loses himself to the dance," says the director. "Starting from there Ralph proposed to me to work with a choreographer from London. We met her and decided it was good for her to let Ralph find something wild within him. Let him be loose with his own body and have confidence with his own movements."

A Bigger Splash is a romp a lusty and lurid thriller with worldly people, drugs, drinking and some startling nudity.

The film's nakedness, Guadagnino says, "is about being truthful to the story you are telling and the characters you are depicting."

Next time around, however, don't expect as much skin. "I can't wait to make a Victorian movie with people dressed up to their necks," he laughs.

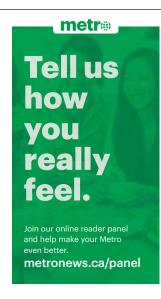


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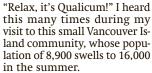
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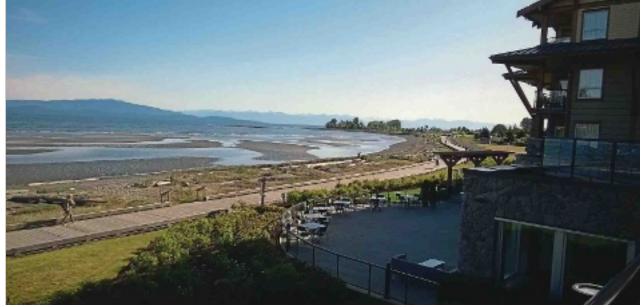
Kathy Buckworth For Metro Canada



They boast the dubious honour of having the highest median age of any city in Canada. But if you think that means this is a sleepy tea-room filled community, think again.

"If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault," one of the residents said to me, as I attended one of many concerts held at the Old School House Arts Centre. I would return to the Arts Centre the next day to take a water colour painting class (which confirmed my career as a writer), one of a virtual plethora of programs and exhibits offered on an ever changing basis.

Qualicum life is exemplified at the Courtyard Café. Meryl







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and Peter Tryon run this community-minded restaurant, and their specialty crepes have both locals and visitors visiting often.

After filling up on a Crepe Benny, I headed to the Farmers Market (Saturdays only) which sees 70 per cent of the market stalls occupied by farmers and local food makers who are required to be there themselves, a "meet your maker" approach which is extremely successful. The other booths are filled with local crafters.

It's B.C., so seafood? Of course. The CView Restaurant in the Qualicum Beach Inn has an extensive menu, which is best enjoyed on their cozy firepit laden patio.

Families often opt to stay at the Beach Club Resort & Inn, for its convenient suites, complete with full kitchens and well-traversed boardwalk on the ocean. Kite surfers and kite flyers fill the seascape.

I finished my visit with a hike through the 50-acre Heritage Forest where 200-year-old Douglas Firs rise up to 700 feet in the air.

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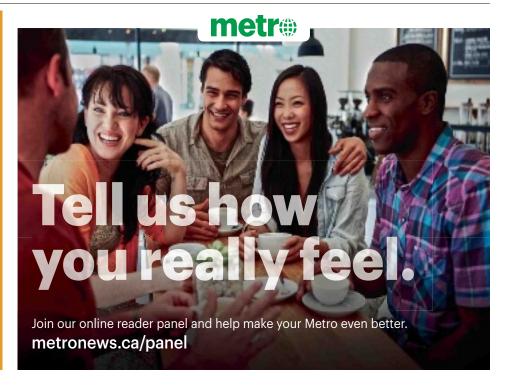
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TRAVEL NOTES TOP AIRLINE, NEW COASTER AND MT. EVEREST

Alaska tops best airlines list

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue Airways still rank highest in the annual J.D. Power survey of passengers on the nine largest North American airlines. J.D. Power said Wednesday that Alaska Airlines ranked highest among traditional airlines for the ninth straight year and JetBlue was the top-rated low-cost carrier for the 11th year in a row. Air Canada ranked fourth, and WestJet finished third among low-COST CARRIERS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Valravn debuts at Cedar Point

Cedar Point, in Sandusky, Ohio, is home to the new roller coaster that opened to the public Saturday. The ride, called Valravn, gives riders a sweeping view of Lake Erie before dropping them over 200 feet on a 90-degree free fall that hits a top speed of 75 mph. It also turns riders upside down three times. The roller coaster has already broken records as the world's tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climbers reach summit

Nine Nepalis reached the top of Mount Everest on Wednesday, the first group of climbers to summit the world's highest mountain in three years after deadly disasters forced a shutdown. The team reached the summit at 5:02pm (1117 GMT) while fixing ropes for foreign climbers, who will try later this week to ascend the mountain, hit by tragedy in 2014 and 2015. Hundreds of climbers abandoned the mountain last year after an earthquaketriggered avalanche killed 18 people at Everest base camp. AFP







Mount Everest AFF

Ship Hector recounts voyage of N.S.'s first Scottish wave

Standing in the bowels of the Ship Hector, it's hard to believe that nearly 200 people crammed into the rows of bunks for a trying 11-week voyage from Scotland to Nova Scotia more than two centuries ago.

An exact replica of the 37-metre wood vessel is berthed in Pictou, N.S. — a floating museum that recounts the journey of the 189 men, women and children who left Scotland in 1773 in search of a new life. The excursion would prompt a wave of Scottish immigration to Nova Scotia that helped shape North America.

This is our Mayflower. This is as important to us as the Mayflower is to the United States," said John Meir, vicechairman of the Hector Quay Society. "It set off a huge wave of immigration and Pictou became one of the centres of immigration for North America."

After several years of construction using the original designs, traditional building methods and mostly the same materials, the replica Ship Hector was launched in 2000.



Ship Hector is shown berthed in Pictou, N.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The colourful vessel floating in Pictou Harbour is part of Hector Heritage Quay, which includes a three-storey interpretive centre as well as brightly painted outbuildings that house blacksmith, carpentry and rigger shops.

In the main lobby of the interpretive centre, dozens of tartan banners bearing the family names of Ship Hector passengers — Innes, Sutherland and MacKay, to name a few - hang from the woodpanelled walls.

The faint sound of bagpipes can be heard as large wall displays and exhibitions recount the history of the Hector, beginning with the Battle of Culloden in 1746. "The British wanted to drive out the clans from Scotland," said Meir in a charming English accent, explaining that the British handily won that battle and eventually ended up forbidding Scots to wear kilts or play bagpipes.

"Their way of life was basically destroyed by the British." THE CANADIAN PRESS



"The walls are down": Vancouver's Victor Montagliani, head of the Canadian Soccer Association, after being voted president of CONCACAF

DeRozan delivers with strings attached



Mystery thumb treatment helps guard turn game around

The red shoestring Raptors director of sports science Alex Mc-Kechnie spun around DeMar DeRozan's injured thumb in Game 5 was a popular topic of conversation around the team on Thursday.

"It was interesting. It was an excellent method, I guess, from Alex McKechnie," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said.

Whatever he did, it worked. Despite re-aggravating the thumb injury in the fourth quarter, DeRozan came back with 4:17 left and made all eight of his free throws and a jumper to keep the Raptors in front. DeRozan finished the night with 34 points and went 11-for-11 at the line.

"I'd never seen it before. Whatever works, whatever means necessary," Casey said of the lace around the thumb. "Alex is one of the best. That's why he's one of the best in the business, with his methods. I had never seen that before."

As for the digit, Casey said there was no news on DeRozan's thumb as of Thursday afternoon.

"I don't know if it's better or



Alex McKechnie works on DeMar DeRozan on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

worse. We didn't talk about it," Casey said when he was asked about DeRozan's status on Thursday. "He doesn't talk about it. He's ready to go."

With DeRozan and Kyle Lowry struggling with shooting throughout the playoffs, Casey said having DeRozan see his shot drop — he was 11 of 22 in Game 5 — could make a difference going back to Miami.

"It helps tremendously," he said. "Even Kyle seeing the ball go through the hoop, it helps him tremendously.'

Lowry was 9-for-25 and 4-for-9

GAME 6

Raptors at Heat, 8 p.m.

guys," Casey continued. "It's almost like a baseball player seeing the ball hit the bat a couple of times. You're right back in the groove and that's the men-

"That's not the only thing other things they can do, even if the shots aren't falling. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If it ain't broke, with me, I'm ready to play.

DeMarre Carroll says his sore left wrist won't keep him out of Game 6

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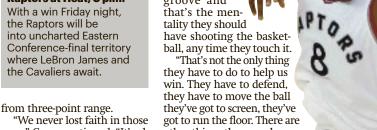
They're built to push you and stress you and put you in uncomfortable situations. And that's what this series is doing right now. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra

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I was just excited with the action. Then after the dunk. it came out of nowhere.

Bismack Biyombo on Wednesday night's Usain Bolt celebration after an epic dunk-block-dunk sequence

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning swept 3-game season series

On the calendar, the gap between the last time the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning met and Friday night's Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final is less than three months.

Within the lifespan of a season, it seems a lot longer.

When the Lightning blew past the Penguins 4-2 on Feb. 20 — a victory that earned Tampa Bay a sweep of its three-game season series with Pittsburgh — Steven Stamkos was still scoring goals, Matt Murray was still the Penguins' third option in net and the Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan's midseason overhaul remained very much a work in progress.

Not anymore. Stamkos remains out indefinitely while dealing with a blood clot, and Murray has become a revelation in near lockstep with the Penguins' evolution from enigmatic underachiever to Stanley Cup favourite. No wonder the Penguins couldn't help but laugh when asked if they could remember what happened on that sloppy Saturday in mid-winter when the Lightning built a quick threegoal lead and cruised.

"I couldn't even tell you," Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel said. "I don't even remember when we played them last."

Probably best to just block it out and press forward anyway at a time of year where shortterm memory loss is an asset.

The Penguins wrapped up a 12-day highwire act against rival Washington on Tuesday



The Lightning's Ondrej Palat scores past Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on Feb. 5 in Tampa. Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

night when Nick Bonino fired home the winner in overtime of Game 6. The cathartic celebration sent Pittsburgh to the conference final for the fourth time since 2008. Less than 72 hours later, they face the only team that's been more dominant in the post-season.

The Lightning raced through the first two rounds of the playoffs, dropping one game each to Detroit and the New York Islanders. Remarkable, considering they've been without Stamkos and defenceman Anton Stralman, still recovering from a fractured left leg.

Stamkos is practising but the five-time all-star hasn't been cleared for contact. Stralman

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Tampa Bay has won each of its five one-goal contests in the playoffs—a sign its long post-season run a year ago wasn't just puck luck.

appears to be on the verge of returning, though coach Jon Cooper is in no hurry to announce his lineup, saying Thursday "it's just pointless to talk about whether they're going to play or not."

Stralman scored four times against Pittsburgh during the

regular season, though he's not exactly ready to proclaim himself the missing ingredient as Tampa Bay tries to reach its second consecutive Stanley Cup final.

"I don't think I ever scored a goal against the Penguins until this year, so I don't know what that tells you," Stralman said. "Stuff like that happens, just a fluke."

Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay meeting with a spot to play for the Cup, however, is not. Shortly after fizzling against the Lightning in February, the Penguins put together a 14-2 surge to end the regular season they have carried into May.

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2014 WINTER GAMI

Doubts arise over doping samples

The IOC retains

Olympic samples for 10

The IOC "would not hesitate" to retest drug samples from the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi if there is evidence that doping controls were manipulated, according to the Olympic body's medical director.

A Russian whistleblower told

CBS' 60 Minutes that four Russian gold medallists from the Sochi Olympics used steroids and Russian security agents worked as doping control officers during the games.

ing the games.

"The IOC will follow up any issues very carefully," medical director Dr. Richard Budgett told

The Associated Press. "We did have international experts in the lab monitoring all the testing going on. We made it as secure as we could."

Budgett said the International Olympic Committee has stored all doping samples from Sochi at its lab in Lausanne, Switzerland. The IOC retains Olympic samples for 10 years to allow for reanalysis with improved testing methods.

"We will consider whether reanalysis will help us ascertain if there was any manipulation or not," Budgett said in a telephone

interview. "There is no decision on that yet. But if there is evidence of manipulation, we would not hesitate to test."

Normally, the IOC prefers to wait until near the end of the 10-year statute of limitations because it can use the very latest testing techniques, but the So-

chi allegations could lead to earlier reanalysis.

WADA president Craig Reedie said the claims "offer real cause for concern, as they contain new allegations regarding attempts to subvert the anti-doping process at the Sochi Games."

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French prosecutors probe \$2M tied to 2020 Olympics

French prosecutors said Thursday that \$2 million US tied to Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics was apparently paid to an account linked to the son of the disgraced former IAAF president in the months immediately before and after the Japanese capital won the games.

The French financial prosecutor's office said it has been told of payments that were marked "Tokyo 2020 Olympic Game Bid," from a Japanese bank to the Black Tidings company in Singapore.

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Kenya not compliant with drug-testing: Officials

World Anti-Doping Agency officials declared Kenya's drug-fighting agency out of compliance Thursday, a move that places the track powerhouse's participation in this summer's Olympics in jeopardy.

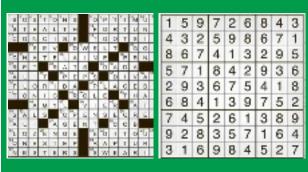
The move comes less than a month after the country's president signed legislation that criminalizes doping.

Kenya's Olympic committee chairman Kip Keino was shocked. "We are working, everything is done, all that they have asked for."

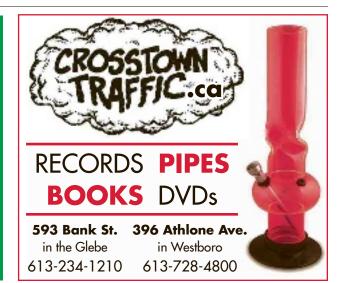
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RECIPE Salmon with Peach Cucumber Salsa



Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

The fresh and fiery salsa on this delicately seasoned salmon serves up easy alongside a simple salad and big glass of thank Goodness it's Friday.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- · 4 or 5 filets of salmon with skin
- 2 cups of peeled, pitted and
- diced peaches (I used 3 peaches) •1 cup unpeeled, diced cucumber
- 3/4 cup diced red pepper
- 1/4 cup washed, fine-
- ly chopped cilantro • 4 Tbsp lime juice
- •1 tsp of chipotle chilies, minced

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients for the salsa except the chilies. Separate

the amount that you think you'll give little kids or those with zero tolerance for heat. Then add your chiles to the remaining mixture and stir. Taste and check seasoning. Cover and place in the fridge while you fire up the grill.

2. Wash and pat dry the salmon. Season the fish with salt and pepper and a slick of olive oil on both sides. Place the fish on the grill, skin side down. Now, don't touch that fish. The heat from the grill will sear the fish and allow it to come away from the grill. Leave for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of your filets.

3. Use a thin spatula to flip the fish. Allow to cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from grill and use a fork to break into the middle to see if fish is opaque. Serve with a heaping spoon of salsa.

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*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 This is a tricky day because you have great moneymaking ideas, but you should wait until tomorrow to act. Today's overconfidence might trip you up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 You are persuasive today. Naturally, you can use this advantage to go after what you want. However, what you want might be different by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 You want to seek out answers today. You also have patience and motivation to find what you're looking for. In fact, you feel like a sleuth.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Discussions with artistic, creative people will please you today. You might admire what they can do. (Don't spend money on anything other than food or gas today.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 This is a tricky day. The Moon is in your sign, but it's a bit wobbly. This means that what you initiate might not fulfill your objective. Easy does it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 This is a loosey-goosey day. Nevertheless, you will love to kick around ideas about travel to distant lands or doing something "different." Just dream; do not act today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Resist the urge to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property today, because this is a poor day to do so. Ironically, people are in agreement. Go figure.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 This is a lovely day to hang out with partners and close friends, and iust schmooze. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Although it's easy to get along with co-workers today, your efficiency might suffer because you don't feel like working. Warning: Don't initiate anything new.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 This is a wonderful, creative day! People who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be full of clever, original ideas.

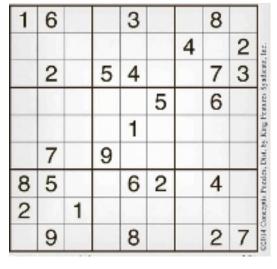
Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Today you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything important. Just coast.

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Feb. 20 - March 20 Resist the urge to initiate or suggest new ideas at work today, because it's a poor day to do this. However, you can research and get further information about what you hope to do.

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Ask The Doctor

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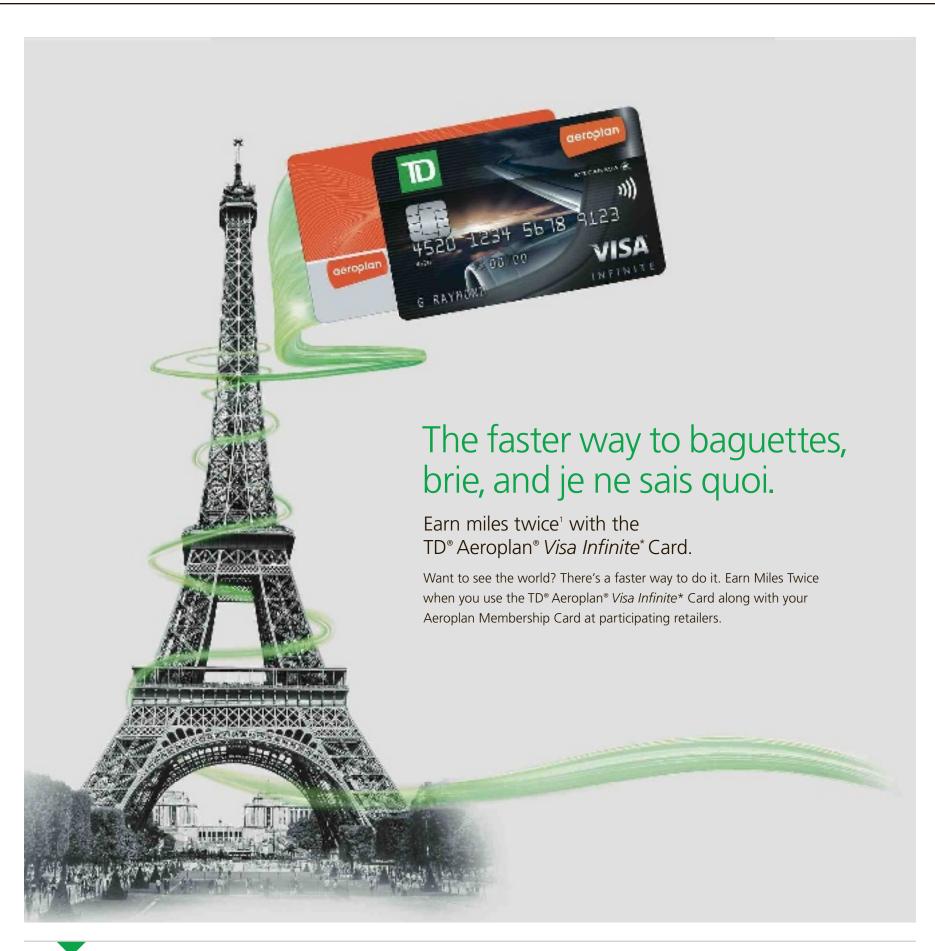
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